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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6710

BILL NUMBER: HB 1143

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: E-mail Notification of Public Meetings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frizzell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that if the governing body of a public agency provides notice of public meetings to members of the governing body, public officials, or interested parties by electronic mail, the governing body of a public agency shall also give public notice by electronic mail to any person (excluding news media) who annually requests notice of meetings.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - This bill requires that any person who delivers an annual written request for notices to the governing body of a public agency shall receive notice by electronic mail if the members of the governing body, public officials, or interested parties receive notice by electronic mail. Any increase in expenditures will depend on the number of people who request notices that were not previously receiving notices.

Background Information - Under IC 5-14-1.5-2 "public agency" means the following:

- (1) Any board, commission, department, agency, authority, or other entity, by whatever name designated, exercising a portion of the executive, administrative, or legislative power of the state.
- (2) Any county, township, school corporation, city, town, political subdivision, or other entity, by whatever name designated, exercising in a limited geographical area the executive, administrative, or legislative power of the state or a delegated local governmental power.
- (3) Any entity which is subject to either:
 - (A) budget review by either the Department of Local Government Finance or the governing body of a county, city, town, township, or school corporation; or

- (B) audit by the State Board of Accounts.
- (4) Any building corporation of a political subdivision of the state of Indiana that issues bonds for the purpose of constructing public facilities.
- (5) Any advisory commission, committee, or body created by statute, ordinance, or executive order to advise the governing body of a public agency, except medical staffs or the committees of any such staff.
- (6) The Indiana Gaming Commission established by IC 4-33, including any department, division, or office of the commission.
- (7) The Indiana Horse Racing Commission established by IC 4-31, including any department, division, or office of the commission.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local units and agencies are included in the definition of public agency. Please refer to *Explanation of State Expenditures* for an explanation of this bill's impact on public agency expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

Information Sources:

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